GRADUATE ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF NATIONAL NEED
FY 2003 FUNDED PROJECTS

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Program Information

The purpose of the GAANN program is to attract students of superior ability and achievement, exceptional promise, and demonstrated financial need, into high-quality graduate programs designed to sustain and enhance graduate education in areas of national need. For FY 2003, the Secretary of Education has determined that the areas of national need are **biology, chemistry, computer and information science, engineering, geological sciences, mathematics and physics. The Secretary also accepts multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary applications, which propose projects incorporating two (2) or more areas of national need**.

In order to meet the need in these areas, the program provides fellowships through academic departments of institutions of higher education (IHE) to assist graduate students of superior ability who demonstrate financial need. The stipend amount for the GAANN fellowships is set at a level equal to that of the National Science Foundation graduate fellowships, except that this amount must be adjusted as necessary so as not to exceed the fellow's demonstrated level of financial need. For FY 2003, the maximum stipend amount is set at $21,500. The amount of the institutional payment received by an IHE for each student awarded a fellowship at the institution is $11,296 for FY 2003.

FY 2003 Application Characteristics

As shown in the following chart, the allocation of recommended awards was based on the demand in each discipline and the relative quality of the proposals within each discipline. A total of 503 new fellows will be supported at 94 institutions.

Discipline	Number of Proposals Submitted	Recommended Number of Awards	Level of Recommended Funding	Recommended Number of Fellows
Biology	31	11	$1,967,760	60
Chemistry	39	13	$2,459,700	75
Computer Sci.	17	8	$1,213,452	37
Engineering	64	22	$3,968,316	121
Geological. Sci.	7	2	$295,164	9
Math	28	12	$2,033,352	62
Physics	33	12	$2,098,944	64
Interdisciplinary	34	12	$2,098,944	64
Multidisciplinary	8	2	$360,756	11
TOTAL	**261**	**94**	**$16,496,388**	**503**